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Microturbine Generating Systems

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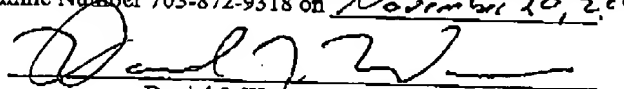
Responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2003, the Applicant has the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending herein, with Claims 1 and 11 being independent claims.

Claims 1 and 11 concern a controller and a method for operating a microturbine generator system. The controller includes a computer control unit, a utility power grid sensor input line, and a utility power grid disconnect command output line. The computer control unit causes automatic transitions of the microturbine generator system between at least four states. These states include a generator standby backup mode, a generator standalone mode, a transfer to

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